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Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—" May I enquire, Sir, whether the original Tungabhadra project, which was estimated to cost about 13 crores and which was deferred with reference to some other schemes, has been completely given up ? "

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" If this Sangameswaram project is abandoned, that will hold the field."

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU :—" May I enquire, Sir, whether the Tungabhadra project was shelved by Mr. Morgan ?

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Mr. Morgan gave a fairly definite answer after his investigations went up to a certain stage. It was because of his advice that the Government have now taken a different view of its possibilities and are exploring it, and we have invoked the Consulting Engineer to the Government of India to strengthen us in the matter of expert opinion."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—" Am I to take it, Sir, that the Sangameswaram project means the definite abandonment of the modified Tungabhadra project ? "

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" It will include the old portions of the Tungabhadra project."

Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI :—" Will it benefit the Bellary district, Sir ? "

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Yes."

The Nagavali project.

266 *Q.*—The RAJA OF KURUPAM : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether it is under the consideration of the Government to extend the Nagavali project—

(*a*) by opening a head sluice in the right bank of the river opposite the one in existence in the left bank and by digging fresh channels so as also to irrigate the lands of the villages situated to the south of the river as far as the Suvarnamukhi generally known as Seethanagram river ; and

(*b*) by constructing a reservoir across the Janjhavati at a place higher up Gumpa where this river joins with the Nagavali and below Narayanapatnam or another between Chollapadam and Rayaghada ?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the report on the project on page 9 of Mr. Morgan's Report on Irrigation Projects already placed on the Table.

The masonry dam at Agalangon.

267 *Q.*—Mr. C. MARUTHAVANAM PILLAI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the masonry dam built by the French at Agalangon across the Arasalar has seriously impaired the capacity of the river as a source of irrigation and drainage owing to the absence of screw shutters and sand-scouring vents for the said dam ; and